

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, February 27, 2014

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Roger moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, B. Murphy, H. Kline, R. Huth, J. Sarchione, D. Goodyear, G. Englehart, D. Rice, F. Rodenbucher, P. Hyde, M. Hyde, J. Sarchione, M. Nichols, J. Jenior, A. Wilson, M. Stauffer, G. Stauffer, F. Huth, J. Wise, L. Jenior, A. Czayka

Old Business

Roger brought up the dispatch renewal contract with Stow. Chief Lang reviewed the amortization schedule and feels comfortable with a 10 year contract. Roger moved to renew our current dispatch service with Stow for 10 years with the specified conditions. Discussion: Mike asked about savings. Roger stated that we would save \$1,000 per year for five years. Sue commented that Stow is much cheaper than Portage County EMA and they would not match Stow's proposal. Mike stated we have encountered fewer problems since we engaged with Stow. Roger commented that Stow has been nothing but accommodating. Mike reported that the tower resolved many problems. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

New Business

Roger and Mike have nothing at this time.

Sue read the resolution to support the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program for Raymond and Shirley Rodenbucher. Sue moved to approve the resolution. Mike seconded. Discussion: Mike asked Fred if it is the original farm. Fred stated that it is. Fred stated that Gary's farm was approved a few years ago. Alex Czayka of Land Preservation stated that when Portage County Regional Planning was assisting residents they did not need a resolution. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Sue stated that the Portage County Health Department invited the township officials to the annual dinner on March 19.

Mary presented the Portage County Health Department's Year End Reports for 2013. Mary placed the January bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Mike moved to accept the January bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 33 – 41 totaling \$166,521.44 and pay warrants 35207– 35248 and EFT/vouchers 35 – 44 totaling \$34,436.17. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on the salt contract, road maintenance, and truck maintenance. Larry spoke about purchasing a new tractor with either trade-ins or sale of unused equipment. Mike would like to review all the equipment we have and consider a minimum bid for each item. Larry reported that the man doors on salt shed and sign building need replaced as well one man door on the ball field garage. Larry priced the three doors and feels they can be replaced for about \$500. Roger asked if the Road Department will replace the doors. Larry stated they would. Mike suggested waiting on the ball field garage due to the lack of funds in the General Fund. Mike moved to appropriate not more than \$500 for the door replacements. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Sue presented the Administrative Assistant report in Dan's absence. No permits were issued. Dan has contacted the perspective purchaser of the Bassett Road property and was assured that the home will be dealt with when he takes possession. The next ZC meeting will be March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC. Dan has continued mailing letters to residents with zoning violations. He has received some feedback and feels progress is being made. Dan is working on the township newsletter.

Public Comment

Bob asked what other street lights the township is paying. Sue stated that the lights at the intersections. Bob did not ask about the intersection lights. Sue commented that the Olde Mill Run association stated the township pays for other street lights in the township. Sue read the minutes from 2005. Sue told Bob that she asked his question as he requested. Bob stated that he is not talking about the intersections. There was discussion about the lights the township pays for, public and dedicated roads. Bob sees no reason why they cannot assume the price and maintenance of the lights in the development. Lee asked how much it costs. Mike stated about \$9 per light. Lee does not feel it is a problem. Bob does not want to pay for the lights for those that live there. Sue read the minutes again. Bob commented that just because those who live in the development pay high taxes it does not mean they should not have to pay for the lights.

Howard has some statements. Sue stated that we are not revisiting items that have been answered in past meetings. Howard asked why the citizens should have to fight to get the trustees to keep the zoning laws. Howard feels the trustees cannot be trusted. Howard stated that the trustees hired the Zoning Inspector who will always come back to the trustees. Howard has tried to look for the person who told them it was ok. He further commented that it is not about saying you are sorry because he feels someone is not telling the truth. Sue read Chapter 7 Section 2 which addresses Perimeter/Buffer Landscaping and Screening. Screening shall be used to protect adjoining properties and roadways from noise, glare, and uses that are visually incompatible with neighboring properties. The property that was turned into a parking lot could not be more compatible. That is why Portage Planning and the Prosecutor's Office did not think it a big deal. It fits the usage and certainly fits into the existing properties; a car lot on one side and a home with three semis on the other. However it should have gone to the BZA. On October 9th Sue had an extensive conversation with Chris Meduri and on October 10th Dan Kolasky and Sue asked Sarchione's to get a variance even though they were originally told they did not need one. A procedural error was made. It was corrected. It upset Sue that Mrs. Kline was upset but the lot itself fits into neighboring properties. Sue tried to make it clear to Howard and all that a variance should have been applied for. Sarchione's were told they did not need one because they were not building anything. Sue saw the lights and knew a variance was needed because she had to get one for her lot. We saw a mistake and corrected it. Sarchione's are following procedures with an attorney and the BZA. The other properties they have bought were for sale for years. They paid top dollar for it and it all connects to the dealerships that have been here for years. The township has had two car dealerships in the center of town for years and they have to grow to stay in business. The Gypsy Wagon has been torn down and the trash has been cleaned up. Many people like the way it looks. If we went to court it would be considered a neighboring use. The zoning has not changed since 2005 and Sue stated she was not a trustee when the zoning was changed. She told Howard that she did not tell him it was not commercial behind his mom's house. She told him if it was not already zoned for what someone wanted to do they would have to go to the BZA. Howard commented that he is 99% sure who said what. Lee said no one ever asked him to plant a tree when he owned the dealership. Howard stated that it is now time to make it right. Paul asked where he was 20 years ago. Howard stated that it came to his attention after Sue spoke to him about the property behind his mom's property that it has to be rezoned. Sue wrote Mrs. Kline a letter explaining what happened and that she was sorry for any upset this caused her. A retail business can be put on the property, grocery store, retail etc. which does not require a variance. Sue did not change it. That is the way it is. She does not want to keep going over the same old thing and will not do so in future. It has been corrected let's move on. Another issue Howard brought up was that he does not believe all the cars belong to the Sarchione's but that they are allowing other dealers access to the lot. John stated that he never said that and they have only their cars on their lots. Howard feels everyone is allowing them to do what they want. Sue stated that the property was for sale for years. They have been paid more than any property is worth. People are welcome here in Randolph even if you have not lived here for 100 years. Sue reiterated that she explained everything in her letter so that he could take time to review it and understand the issue.

Dave would like a light on his road.

Rick spoke about the street lights on Waterloo Road. He asked if designated road lights are the same as street lights. Sue stated that they are the same.

Sue moved to go into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

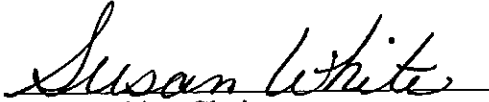
Roger moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

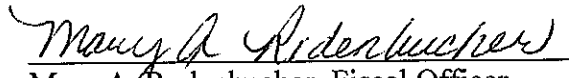
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Mike stated that due to lack of funds the trustees must make some budget cuts. Mike moved to terminate Daniel Kolasky to be at the Zoning Office at the end of March with actual employment to be terminated April 30 with the use of remaining vacation time. Roger seconded. Discussion: Mike stated that if Dan chooses to use his vacation in March he will be terminated at the end of March. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Mike moved to change Donna Yoder's cleaning schedule to every other week from December through April and every week May through November. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


Susan White, Chairman


Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer